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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. United States Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0118278 A1, to Kobayashi et al., dated August 29, 2002; and

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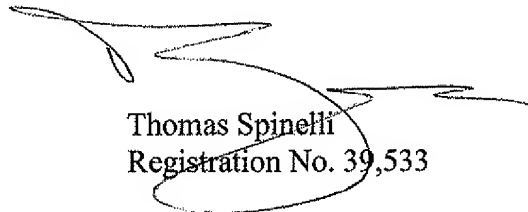

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2. United States Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0090126 A1, to Oosawa, dated July 11, 2002.

The references were cited in a Search Report received from the European Patent Office, dated April 21, 2008. Applicants are submitting a copy of the Search Report. A copy of the above-cited references is not required under 37 C.F.R. 1.98 (a)(2)(i) and (ii). The relevance of the above-identified references has been described in the Search Report. Please note that the other reference cited in the Search Report, namely, Japanese Patent Publication No. 2003-265463 dated September 24, 2003, was previously submitted in Applicants' Information Disclosure Statement dated June 6, 2005.

The undersigned attorney hereby states that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

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